

In the Claims:

Claims 1 and 2(canceled)

3.(currently amended) A push-pull pipe coupling adapted for interconnecting a pair of pipe sections, said pipe coupling comprising:

a hollow connector having an internal chamber within which is adapted to be located a pipe section, surrounding the pipe section is a coupler, said coupler including a grab ring housing which is annular in configuration and is located about the pipe section, said grab ring housing having an interior surface that is formed into an annular concavity;

said coupler including a grab ring mounted within said concavity, said grab ring having a cylindrical main body which has a plurality of inwardly extending biting members, said cylindrical main body being mounted within said annular concavity, said biting members adapted to abut against the pipe section;

whereby said biting members are acute angularly disposed relative to the pipe section and upon movement in a withdrawing direction of the pipe section from said internal chamber said biting members are cause to pivot to a smaller acute angle and dig into the pipe section forming a securement between the connector and the pipe section; and

~~The push-pull pipe coupling as defined in Claim 1 wherein:~~

said annular concavity having a forward wall which is located at an acute angle that is less than the acute angle of said biting members prior to the withdrawing movement of the pipe section.

Claims 4-6(canceled)

7.(currently amended) A push-pull pipe coupling adapted for interconnecting a pair of pipe sections, said pipe coupling comprising:

a hollow connector having an internal chamber within which is adapted to be located a pipe section, surrounding the pipe section is a coupler, said coupler including a grab ring housing which is annular in configuration and is located about the pipe section, said grab ring housing having an interior surface that is formed into an annular concavity;

said coupler including a grab ring mounted within said concavity, said grab ring having a cylindrical main body which has a plurality of inwardly extending biting members, said cylindrical main body being mounted within said annular concavity, said biting members adapted to abut against the pipe section;

whereby said biting members are acute angularly disposed relative to the pipe section and upon movement in a withdrawing direction of the pipe section from said internal chamber said biting members are cause to pivot to a smaller acute angle and dig into the pipe section forming a securement between the connector and the pipe section; and

~~The push-pull pipe coupling as defined in Claim 1 wherein:~~

said grab ring housing having a ~~front~~ forward surface, said ~~front~~ forward surface being annular and beveled and spaced from said grab ring.

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8.(currently amended) The push-pull pipe coupling as defined in Claim 7
wherein:

said ~~front~~ forward surface connecting with an annular beveled surface formed
on a retaining cap which functions to close said internal chamber.

9.(currently amended): A push-pull pipe coupling adapted for interconnecting a pair of pipe sections, said pipe coupling comprising:

a hollow connector having an internal chamber within which is adapted to be located a pipe section, surrounding the pipe section is a coupler, said coupler including a grab ring housing which is annular in configuration and is located about the pipe section, said grab ring housing having an interior surface that is formed into an annular concavity;

said coupler including a grab ring mounted within said concavity, said grab ring having an annular wall which has a plurality of inwardly extending biting members, said biting members adapted to abut against the pipe section;

whereby said biting members are acute angularly disposed relative to the pipe section and upon movement in a withdrawing direction of the pipe section from said internal chamber said biting members are cause to pivot to a smaller acute angle and dig into the pipe section forming a securement between the connector and the pipe section;

said grab ring housing having a forward surface, said forward surface being annular and beveled, said forward surface connecting with an annular beveled surface formed on a retaining cap which functions to close said internal chamber; and

~~The push-pull pipe coupling as defined in Claim 8 wherein:~~

said retaining cap has a plurality of slots, said slots permit said retaining cap to deflect during installation on said hollow connector.

10.(currently amended) A push-pull pipe coupling adapted for interconnecting a pair of pipe sections, said pipe coupling comprising:

a hollow connector having an internal chamber within which is adapted to be located a pipe section, surrounding the pipe section is a coupler, said coupler including a grab ring housing which is annular in configuration and is located about the pipe section, said grab ring housing having an interior surface that is formed into an annular concavity;

said coupler including a grab ring mounted within said concavity, said grab ring having an annular wall which has a plurality of inwardly extending biting members, said biting members adapted to abut against the pipe section;

whereby said biting members are acute angularly disposed relative to the pipe section and upon movement in a withdrawing direction of the pipe section from said internal chamber said biting members are cause to pivot to a smaller acute angle and dig into the pipe section forming a securement between the connector and the pipe section;

said grab ring housing having a forward surface, said forward surface being annular and beveled; and

said ~~front~~ forward surface interconnecting with an annular beveled surface formed on a washer which is mounted within said internal chamber.